would get that same $3,000 exemption,   they would only get a
one percent tax break.   So in effect what   we're doing here
by making this a flat rate rebate is we are making this a
very progressive sort of tax structure.   I think that's
another reason why this measure should be   advanced.   Thank
you very much.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, Mr. President and members,
very quickly I'm going to support the bill at this time,
however, I told Senator Newell even though I wanted to make
sure we did some property tax relief this year that my
support and my putting my name with him on it leaves me open
the option of amending it into something better at the
proper time.   This may not be the proper time. I still
contend that the only direct and effective way for property
tax relief, at least under the present tax system, is a
check directly back to the homeowner after he's paid it.
Such a bill was in the committee. Such a bill was killed by
the committee strictly on the basis that that bill was
unconstitutional   because   they   were   told   that   by
Donna Karnes. We have an Attorney General's Opinion that
says   that   proposal   and   that   method   is   totally
constitutional, totally   satisfactory, and I would   like you
at least to keep that option open. The reason for that is
you're doing that on a yearly basis, instead of locking in
something permanently which takes away a part of the state's
tax base as this does but if this is the only method at this
time I would support it. But I repeat again, I think I may
offer that amendment and would ask your indulgence, if I do,
at the proper time.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I have
some problems with the bill even though I voted it out of
committee.   It is a property tax to the homeowners but we're
really not getting to the source where we need to apply the
property tax relief or apply the dollars, the state dollars
to give the property tax relief in its proper form. What
will happen if we give this money to the homeowner, and I'll